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Governor Signs HAL Budget

Fairness in Library Funding Maintained

LANSING – Sen. Tom George, R-Texas Township, announced that Governor Granholm has signed the budget bill for the Department of History, Arts and Libraries' (HAL). Public Act 160 of 2003 was signed into law without vetoes Monday, August 11, at 4:05 p.m.

“During hard times like these people turn to their public libraries for help,” George said. “They look for jobs or work on improving skills. It is important that everyone across the state is given an equal opportunity to share in this important resource.”

The new budget follows George’s plan to increase the funding level of all public libraries by eliminating special grants to the Detroit and Grand Rapids Public Libraries and redistributing the funds statewide. As a result, public libraries in the Kalamazoo Valley will see an increase in funds over the Governor’s recommendations.